

Wading River Tavern HABS-NJ-444
~~Washington Township~~, Burlington County, New Jersey

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Owner: John Quigley

Date of Erection: Last quarter of the eighteenth
century, possibly a little earlier

Architect:

Builder: A member of the Darnell family

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

James Wetherill through the Council of Proprietors obtained a warrant dated May 23, 1722 to locate sixteen hundred and sixty-four acres of land in West New Jersey. February 4, 1722-23, he conveyed two hundred acres to Benjamin Moore and John Borton, who had surveyed and located one hundred and eighty-four acres. Moore conveyed one hundred acres to Dewid Gale in 1730 and Gale in 1746 conveyed this to John Darnell. Borton deeded his eighty-four acres in 1741 to Darnell. John Darnell in his will in 1759 gave the land to his

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son Edward, who in the same year conveyed it to his brother Louis. A resurvey showed the plot to contain two hundred thirty-six and five tenths acres. Louis bequeathed all of his lands except two small portions to his son John. This will is dated May 8, 1795. In this will his son and Jonathan Smith were appointed as executors. Jonathan Smith conveyed the part where the house was to Matthew Wilson and James Taylor in 1801; John Darnell having died in the mean time.

Transfers are recorded again in 1805, 1813 and 1852. In the latter year the property came into the possession of the Leek family and remained in their possession until 1927 when it became the property of the present owner.

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